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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : How are the notified areas decided, and have the Government reviewed the position now and looked into the possibility of having movement restrictions only at the inter district level?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The notified area is being constantly reviewed by the District Collectors, and wherever they feel these check-posts are necessary, they are introduced and later when the purpose has been served, they are removed.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Sir, my question has not been answered. I want to know whether procurement is compulsory or voluntary?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : My answer was very clear, namely, 'the Government are buying all marketable surpluses'.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It is normally voluntary but if the farmer takes advantage of the voluntary nature of it and does not part with the surplus in spite of the appeals made to him, then compulsory requisitioning will be resorted to.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : How do the Government determine the marketable surplus ? Is it on the basis of the requirements of each person or family or what ? And what is the allowance made for the requirements of the people ? To my knowledge, though it is called voluntary, only force is used in the majority of cases for procurement and even threats in certain cases.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Sir, we have fixed the marketable surplus at very much less than even 1/3 of the total produce. Regarding procurement, so far as the information that the Government have, it is done mostly on a voluntary basis. There may be here and there, as was pointed out by the Hon. the Chief Minister, certain cases where farmers take advantage of the voluntary nature of the procurement, and expecting to get high prices, refuse to part with the surplus. Therefore officers might have taken steps to see that the surplus is got.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Sir, are the Government aware that in several places the prices of paddy and rice are much lower than the control prices. That being so, may I know why the farmers refuse to part with their surpluses?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Well, Sir, they are certain farmers who go on holding the stock waiting for better times to get better prices, and such farmers refuse to part with the surplus.

Failure of crops due to drought

* 8 Q.—SRI M. SANKARALINGAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) the number of acres in which crops have failed due to drought in Kanyakumari district during 1964–65;

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(*b*) the taluks to which they belong; and

(*c*) the steps taken to safeguard the crops against such failure of crops?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) 16,958 acres.

(*b*) Thovala, Agasteeswaram, Kalkulam and Vilavancode taluks.

(*c*) The available water in the dams was released in the channels for irrigation. Water was also supplied through Lift Irrigation System for irrigating certain areas in Vilavancode taluk.

திரு. எம். சங்கரலிங்கம் பிள்ளை : தலைவர் அவர்களே, கடந்த ஆண்டு பதினாறாயிரம் ஏக்கர் கரிவான இந்த நிலங்களில் பயிர் செய்த விவசாயிகளுக்கு நஷ்ட ஈடு கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா? அல்லது அவர்களுக்கு வரி வஜா செய்யப்பட்டதா?

கனம் திரு. வி. ராமய்யா : வரி வஜா தேவைப்பட்டால், அந்த விவசாயிகள் சம்பந்தப்பட்ட அதிகாரிகளுக்கு விண்ணப்பித்துக் கொண்டால், அதைப் பரிசீலனை செய்து நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்கள்.

திரு. எம். சங்கரலிங்கம் பிள்ளை : நஷ்டஈடு கொடுக்கவேண்டியது அரசாங்கத்தினுடைய கடமை அல்லவா அவர்கள் கேட்காமல் இருந்தாலும்?

Hospitals equipped with eye-banks

*9 *Q.*—SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of hospitals equipped with eye-banks in the State;

(*b*) the stock of eyes in the banks in each as on 1st February 1965; and

(*c*) the number of patients operated successfully with the help of the above stocks in each during 1963-64 ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) (1) Government Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras;

(2) Government Stanley Hospital, Madras; and

(3) Government Erskine Hospital, Madurai.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) (1) Government Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras—Nil.

(2) Government Stanley Hospital, Madras—Two.

(3) Government Erskine Hospital, Madurai—Nil.